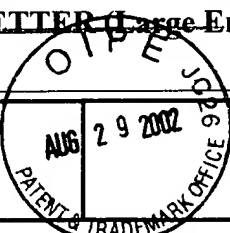
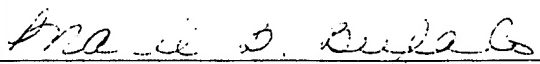


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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>				Docket No. <b>USUI-12N</b>	
Applicant(s): Shoichiro Usui					
Serial No. <b>09/731,170</b>	Filing Date <b>December 6, 2000</b>		Examiner <b>Lugo, C.</b>	Group Art Unit <b>3677</b>	
Invention: <b>HIGH-PRESSURE METAL PIPE HAVING CONNECTING HEAD AND METHOD OF FORMING THE CONNECTING HEAD AS WELL AS SLEEVE WASHER FOR THE CONNECTING HEAD</b>					
<u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
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Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
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<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>CC:</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on <b>8-23-02</b> with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Marie B. Bufalo</b> Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</p> </div> </div>					